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**COUNTY SEALER ANNOUNCES
NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK:
“WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: WORKING FOR INTEGRITY IN THE MARKETPLACE”**

ALSO: LISTING OF LATEST COMPLETED SCANNER OVERCHARGE CASES

Cato R. Fiksdal, Sealer of Weights and Measures for the County of Los Angeles, announces the theme for **Weights and Measures Week**, March 1 through 7. “Improving trust on the part of businesses and consumers is what weights and measures is all about,” Mr. Fiksdal stated.

“Nationally, the amount of commerce dependent upon accurate weighing, measuring, or counting devices amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars. Here in Los Angeles County we strive to ensure that when customers purchase a gallon of gas, for example, they get that gallon,” he continued.

Weights and Measures Week recognizes the work weights and measures officials do to ensure commerce is unobstructed by artificial barriers. Publicizing their activity also reminds people of their need to stay vigilant when making purchases. “Without the help from the public, and from businesses hurt by unfair competition, we would be far less effective,” said Mr. Fiksdal. The Sealer recalled that his department’s largest criminal prosecution came from motorists complaining about not receiving enough gasoline from a chain of stations. Businesses have been instrumental in finding short weight problems among competitors and informing the department. Finally, shoppers’ complaints about overcharges at retail stores led to the creation of the County *Buyer Beware Program*.

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Listed below are recently completed cases.

Albertsons #6197 3400 South Street, Lakewood

Date of offense: 3/06/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1128; 1 year probation

Albertsons #6224 14433 Ramona Ave., Baldwin Park

Date of offense: 3/07/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$427

Auto Zone #5356 14103 C Ramona Blvd., Baldwin Park

Date of offense: 3/14/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$527

Food 4Less #337 615 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina

Date of offense: 3/20/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1067

Food 4Less #338 11950 Garvey Ave., El Monte

Date of offense: 3/19/02
Charge: 1 count scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$270

Food 4Less #778 13535 Lakewood Blvd., Downey

Date of offense: 7/15/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Conviction: Decision Letter
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

J.C. Penney #1505 1203 Plaza Drive, West Covina

Date of offense: 3/21/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$797; 2 years probation

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Jo-Ann Fabrics #1808 44215 W. 10th Street, Lancaster

Date of offense: 8/08/02

Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less

Conviction: Stipulated

Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

K-Mart #3639 8801 S. La Cienega Blvd., Inglewood

Date of offense: 11/21/01

Charge: 5 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 5 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1286; 3 years probation

K-Mart #7714 6433 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills

Date of offense: 12/18/01

Charge: 4 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$3173

K-Mart #4240 19600 Plummer St., Northridge

Date of offense: 12/18/01

Charge: 3 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$2598

K-Mart #3274 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland

Date of offense: 12/20/01

Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1776

Mervyn's #70 300 Stonewood St., Downey

Date of offense: 1/02/02

Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 2 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1911; 6 months probation

Napa Auto Parts #12 11642 E. Garvey Ave., El Monte

Date of offense: 3/05/02

Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$769; 2 years probation

99 Only Stores #57 3220 W. Century Blvd. Inglewood

Date of offense: 1/18/02
Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 2 counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$270

Office Depot #815 15100 Whittier Blvd., Whittier

Date of offense: 7/31/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Conviction: Stipulated
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Office Depot #870 2505 Via Campo, Montebello

Date of offense: 3/20/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1320

PETsMART #109 3347 e. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena

Date of offense: 7/10/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Convictions: Stipulated
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Ralph's #280 4311 Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey

Date of offense: 6/02/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Convictions: Stipulated
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Ralph's #267 14310 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale

Date of offense: 7/20/02
Charge: Two counts of scanner overcharge, each of one dollar or less
Convictions: Decision Letter
Fines and fees: \$200 administrative civil penalty

Robinsons-May #36 1900 Montebello Town Center, Montebello

Date of offense: 3/21/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1237

Sav-On Drugs #9609 9920 E. Garvey Ave., El Monte

Date of offense: 3/05/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1376

Sav-On Drugs #96782 14503 Ramona Blvd., Baldwin Park

Date of offense: 6/27/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Convictions: Decision Letter
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Sav-On Drugs #974 1788 Barranca Ave., Glendora

Date of offense: 8/14/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Convictions: Stipulated
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

7-Eleven #14020 9349 Slauson Ave., Pico Rivera

Date of offense: 8/12/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Convictions: Stipulated
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Smart & Final #366 10100 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood

Date of offense: 6/21/02
Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less
Conviction: Decision Letter
Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Smart & Final #366 10100 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood

Date of offense: 1/18/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$76

Sportmart #683 828 Plaza Drive, West Covina

Date of offense: 3/21/02
Charge: 1 count of scanner overcharge
Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$527

Stater Bros #137 11750 Whittier Blvd., Whittier

Date of offense: 7/16/02

Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less

Conviction: Decision Letter

Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Target #883 777 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

Date of offense: 6/05/02

Charge: Two counts of scanner overcharge, each for one dollar or less

Convictions: Stipulated

Fines and fees: \$200 administrative civil penalty

Target #1425 8800 Whittier Blvd., Pico Rivera

Date of offense: 7/29/02

Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less

Conviction: Decision Letter

Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Target #1329 3471 Century Blvd., Inglewood

Date of offense: 12/26/01

Charge: 11 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 5 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$7937

Vons #502 500 E. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood

Date of offense: 2/14/01

Charges: 3 counts of scanner overcharge

Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$918

Vons #4269 2616 W. Imperial Hwy., Inglewood

Date of offense: 4/30/01

Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1053

Walgreens #5649 8201 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier

Date of offense: 7/10/02

Charge: One count of scanner overcharge of one dollar or less

Conviction: Decision Letter

Fines and fees: \$100 administrative civil penalty

Walgreens #6413 230 N. La Brea Ave., Inglewood

Date of offense: 11/24/01

Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 2 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$613; 2 years probation

Wal-Mart 12701 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos

Date of offense: 12/18/01

Charge: 2 counts of scanner overcharge

Conviction: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1101